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A US application corresponding to WO 99/67228 has just been allowed. Because the WO'228 bears relevant subject matter (but has a late publication date), it cannot be prior art. However, its US equivalent could be a relevant prior art under 35 USC 102(e).

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